

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

Only 10 more days till Christmas.

The House Rules Committee has fixed Dec. 22 as the date to vote on the Hopson prohibition resolution.

And Edward and Annie Abernathy have just been married in Montgomery county, Tennessee. The A's seem to have it.

The venerable Dr. Geo. A. Lofton, of Nashville, a well-known Baptist minister and pastor of the Central church, died Friday, aged 76.

Thaw has been out 16 months and the Supreme Court has just reached the point of deciding whether or not he can be taken back to New York.

What to do with the Congressional Records is again one of the questions that takes precedence over the Christmas excitement. They are coming again.

Henry M. Bosworth, of Lexington, who was elected treasurer in 1907 and auditor in 1911, now wants to be elected Governor in 1915. Henry believes in rotating from one office to another.

The estimate of the loss in the Edison fire has been reduced to \$750,000, due to the fact that the concrete buildings were gutted but not destroyed. The first estimate was \$2,000,000.

France has called out 400,000 boys 19 and 20 years old to go into training and be ready in the spring. Belgium has called upon all Belgians in America between 18 and 30 to report to their nearest consuls.

Carranza has been heard from again, this time in some hostile remarks concerning the order to stop firing into American territory by his forces at Naco, Arizona. He refers to the order as "Secretary Bryan's threat."

Two Englishmen are in Nashville buying mules "fairly good looking animals, weighing about 1,000 pounds, shifty on their feet, age not important as their service in the army is not expected to last long. The price paid is \$140."

England must now decide what to do with Gen. DeWet, whose rebellion in South Africa has ignominiously failed. There is a hope everywhere expressed that Great Britain deal generously with this great soldier whose misguided patriotism has worked a forfeiture of his life.

Several reports have been received about the Dresden, the German vessel that survived the fight off Falkland Islands. One is that the vessel is in a Patagonian inlet, another at Rio Gallegos and the last at Punta Arenas, Argentina. Two other small German cruisers are at large and they may be mistaken for the Dresden.

Russia, as might have been expected, declined to accede to the Pope's request for a truce during the holidays, for the reason that the Russian Christmas is according to the Julian calendar twelve days later than the Gregorian calendar accepted by the rest of the world since 1582, when Sept. 2 was made Sept. 14. Christmas comes in Russia on January 5th and New Year's day is January 12th.

Little Boy's Fall.

Joseph Knight, the little son of Judge Walter Knight, fell yesterday on ice and broke or badly injured his arm. He received prompt attention and is getting along well.

To Move Ice Plant.

Eddyville, Ky.—Alexander Bros., of Cadiz, have purchased a large warehouse belonging to Senator S. R. Glenn and will move their ice plant from Kuttawa to this place.

Accidentally Killed.

Ewell Felker was shot and accidentally killed by his brother-in-law Polk Dever, at Providence, Ky.

SHERIFF
KILLED

Turner Graham, Jr., Transferred From Elizabethtown to Louisville.

THREATS OF VIOLENCE.

Prisoner Charged With Murder of R. T. McMurty and James Wood Slain at Upton.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 14.—Turner Graham, Jr., who Saturday shot and mortally wounded Sheriff R. T. McMurty, was brought to Louisville early Sunday, following the death of McMurty, county officials deciding not to take any chance with mob violence, threats of which had been heard Saturday afternoon and night. Graham is charged with the killing of McMurty and also with the murder of James Wood at Upton on Thursday.

The accused man, who is only 22 years old, says he did not kill Wood and does not know who did kill him. He says his only reason for shooting the sheriff was that he did not know the officer was in the house, and that he took refuge in the attic when he heard a number of men enter his home.

"I was hiding in the attic when someone came up the stairs. I saw the muzzle of a shotgun pushed through the aperture, and then I fired. As I did so McMurty stuck his head through the opening. I did not want to kill anybody. I had no means of telling who was coming up the stairway."

Graham will be kept in the jail here for safekeeping until his trial comes up.

GARY WINS
OUT AT LAST.

Hangs on in Demand For 60 Cent Coal Rate and Gets It.

Mr. Geo. E. Gary has at last won out in his almost single-handed fight for the 60 cent freight rate on coal on the I. C. Railroad which he has been notified will go into effect tomorrow. After the State Railroad Commission had declined to permit the rate upon the conditions imposed, Mr. Gary took it up with Chairman Finn and secured a modified ruling and at last the new rate was secured. It reduces the rate 15 cents a ton on coal and makes the rate about the same as the new rate on the L. & N.

Oldest Preacher Dead.

Middlebury, Vt., Dec. 14.—Rev. Sedgwick W. Bidwell, said to be the oldest Methodist minister in the country, died yesterday at the age of 105 years. He had lived in East Middlebury since his retirement after three-quarters of a century of service.

More Snow.

The second and third snows of the season have fallen in the last three or four days. A very light snow fell Friday morning and early Sunday morning it was followed by at least five inches, which was added to some extent Sunday night.

Recital at Bethel.

The pupils' recital at Bethel College Friday night was well attended and the program proved to be thoroughly enjoyable. The college this year has a number of talented music pupils and the program as a whole was a genuine musical treat.

Died at Dover.

W. T. Vaughan, of Dover, Tenn., a brother-in-law of Dr. W. E. Reynolds, of this city, died last week, aged 72 years. He was the father of 14 children, 12 of whom survive him.

ALLIES' ATTACK
GATHERS IMPETUS

GEN. JOFFRE'S MEN CROSS GERMAN LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS AFTER OPERATIONS IN WHICH THE FRENCH SUSTAINED HEAVY LOSSES—SERVIANS VICTORIOUS IN THE BALKANS—RUSSIANS AND THE TEUTONIC OPPONENTS ANNOUNCE SUCCESSES IN POLAND BUT NO DECISIVE RESULT.

London, Dec. 14.—Both the German and French official reports contain evidence that the allies' offensive movement is beginning to gather impetus, and is meeting with stubborn resistance. The French have been particularly active in the Woevre region. At several points the Germans have made counter attacks, which the French claim have been repulsed.

The German report shows that General Joffre's men have reached a point midway between St. Mihiel and Pont-a-Mousson, which would indicate that they had crossed the German line of communications. In these operations the French lost heavily.

The battles in Poland continue almost without intermission, and while both Russians and Germans announce successes, apparently no decisive result has been reached. The Germans still are delivering heavy blows at the Russian center, where they assert they took 11,000 prisoners and forty machine guns. South of Cracow the Russians claim capture of

4,000 prisoners, four guns and seven machine guns.

Another Russian force is holding the passes of the Carpathians, preventing the Austrians from sending relief to their Galician army. There is no news of the German troops advancing south of Mlawa, with the object of attempting to turn the Russian right.

The rehabilitated Serbian army continues victorious in the Balkan area of the war. The shattered Austrian right crossed the Drina into Bosnia, where it was attacked by the Montenegrins near Visegrad and had to leave another toll of prisoners, killed, wounded and war materials. Meantime the Austrian army from Belgrade has attacked the Serbian right and been repulsed. It is unofficially reported that the Austrians are preparing to leave Belgrade.

That the former German cruiser, Goeben, now owned by Turkey, was not so seriously damaged as was reported in her brush with Russian cruisers is shown by the fact that

she took part in the recent attack of Batun, the Russian Black sea port. According to a Russian statement, little damage resulted from the bombardment.

Bulgaria, according to a Paris report, has expressed to the powers of the triple entente her desire to remain neutral. This is taken to mean that Rumania, if she so wished, could join the allies without fear of being attacked by Bulgaria.

An Amsterdam report says the Kaiser is preparing to return to the front.

A report reached Basel from Berlin Sunday that Emperor William would be obliged to undergo an operation of the throat when he has sufficiently recovered. The dispatch adds that while the emperor's present illness is not considered serious, his doctors consider it would be inadvisable for him to return to the front for several weeks and he probably will spend Christmas at home.

Crown Prince Frederick William, the report says, has arrived in Berlin.

GRIDIRON
CLUB HITS

Mr. Watterson and Ollie James Made Butts of Jokes.

"The Gridiron Club" held its annual banquet in Washington Saturday night and worked off the usual jokes on the officials. All references to the war were carefully eliminated. Col. Watterson and Col. Harvey were given a song as belonging to the Come Back club, with the chorus: "I've come back, come back, I've come back, dear leader, to thee; I've come back, dear leader, to thee."

A moving picture show enlivened the proceedings, representing "the greatest deliberate body on earth; the United States senate" in session, but the general effect was greatly marred at first by a strenuous objection to such an encroachment upon the body, and when that had been removed by the insertion of his own name into the advertisement, by the fact that Senator Ollie James had persisted in standing up and thereby blotting out the remainder of the picture.

"Old home week" brought together some old spirits under the kindly eye of the Goddess of Liberty on an elevated perch, who had come to welcome them from her station on the dome of the capital. Uncle Joe Cannon was among the first arrivals, and when asked how long he was going to stay, replied: "Well, I didn't buy no return ticket."

Cy Sulloway, another returning congressman, announced that up his way "the hunting is poor, all of the bull moose have been killed off." When Nicholas Longworth appeared, Cannon inquired:

"How's the family, Nick? Bring 'em all to the celebration?" Longworth: "All except father-in-law."

Cannon: "Why don't you persuade him to stay in some of these lonesome places he writes about?" Longworth: "There ain't no lonesomer place than Oyster Bay right now."

When told that Secretary Daniels had abolished the wine mess on warships during his absence from Washington, Sulloway exclaimed:

"That means no more inspection cruises by the naval committee." When Cannon learned that the

American troops had been withdrawn from Vera Cruz November 23, he exclaimed: "I thought I heard firing on that day. It must have been that salute to the flag."

A Criticism.

An editor who was asked by his son to help him with some of the problems, assigned as night work, says he can't see how a boy is going to learn anything when his teacher sends him home with problems like the following: "If it takes a 4-months-old woodpecker, with a rubber bill, nine months and 13 days to peck a hole through a cypress log that is large enough to make 117 shingles, and it takes 165 shingles to make a bundle worth 93 cents, how long will it take a cross-eyed grasshopper with a cork leg to kick all the seeds out of a dill pickle?"

Kentuckian Killed.

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 13.—A man killed by a train at Peoria, Ill., proved to be William E. Orr, forty-six years old, of this city, who is presumed to have attempted to get on the train while it was running. His body was badly mangled. His identity was established by a registration certificate found in his pocket. He was a well-known river man and left here December 1 on the towboat Tabor for Peoria, Ill. He was born at Caseyville, Ky., where the burial took place.

Special Deputy Killed.

Elizabethtown, Ky., Dec. 13.—James Wood, aged twenty-three, a rural mail carrier at Upton, was shot and instantly killed in front of the Upton L. & N. depot, Friday night. He was verbally deputized by Marshal Murray, of Upton, to assist in the arrest of a man believed to be Grover Chism, who is charged with robbery here. The man believed to be Chism fired the fatal shot. He has not been captured.

Gasoline Gave Out.

Some trouble was experienced with the Illinois Central "Dinkey," as the motor-car is now called, last week. On Friday the car ran out of gasoline at Woodville and an engine had to go out and bring it in. The service was resumed, after a slight interruption.

Crittenden's Demonstrator.

Marion, Ky., Dec. 14.—The Crittenden County Crop Improvement Association has elected J. Robert Bird, of Shelbyville, as crop demonstrator for the ensuing year at a salary of \$1,600.

WAR TAX ON
NEWSPAPERS

Publishers Must Make Sworn Statement of The Bundles Shipped Monthly.

Washington.—The new war tax bill relieves publishers of the necessity of affixing a stamp on each bundle of shipped newspapers, but instead, each publisher will be required to make a sworn statement every month as to the number of bundles shipped, and then pay a tax of one cent on each bundle. Shipments within the county of publications will be exempt.

The tax on bundles of newspapers was levied in the bill as it passed the house by a paragraph relating to express and freight.

That paragraph required that carriers in general should issue to any person from whom goods were received for shipment a bill of lading or other document for each shipment and that the shipper should attach to the bill of lading a stamp of one cent, which he should at the same time cancel.

Specific reference to newspapers in the house occurred only in the proviso "that but one bill of lading shall be required on bundles or packages of newspapers when inclosed in one general bundle, at the time of shipment."

Failure to issue the bill of lading would subject the carrier to a fine of \$50 for each offense, and failure to stamp would nullify the bill of lading as evidence of shipment.

Protests were received by the committee on finance chiefly against the provisions requiring the affixing of stamps, which would cause great delay in the crowded hours of shipping the out-of-town editions of newspapers.

It is understood that the committee's action in permitting the newspaper publishers simply to swear to the number of bundles sent out each month, instead of physically applying stamps to each bill of lading at the time of shipment, was in response to these protests.

The bill makes no reference to newspapers sent by mail, but does apply to everything sent "whether in bulk or in boxes, bales, packages, bundles or not so inclosed."

Horses and giraffes have the largest eyes of land animals, and cuttlefish of sea creatures.

FIRST CLASS OF
GRADUATES

Receive Degree of R. N., In Jennie Stuart Memorial Training School.

SHEEPSKINS FOR THREE.

The Prescribed Course Covers a Period of Three Years.

The Jennie Stuart Memorial Hospital Training School for nurses has just graduated its first class of Registered Nurses, composed of the following:

Mrs. Beatrice Allison.
Mrs. Julia E. Brennon.
Miss Johnnie Brasher.
They have each completed the prescribed course of three years, begun with the Hopkinsville Infirmary and completed in the Hospital.

They have been awarded their diplomas conferring the degree of Registered Nurse and are now duly qualified under all state laws to practice the profession of nursing the sick.

Mrs. Wanda Williams, Superintendent of the Jennie Stuart Memorial Hospital, is at the head of the training school and the course of instruction covering a period of three years in each case, is thorough and complete. The first trio of graduates were entitled to their certificates at different times during the fall, but all were given the diplomas upon Mrs. Williams' return from her recent vacation. It is expected that eight or ten nurses will be in the Hospital school all the time from now on.

Just at the present time the Hospital has fewer patients under treatment than for a long time. The crowded condition prevented a formal opening in July and the suggestion has been made that the present month would be a good time to give a formal reception to the public and give everybody an opportunity to see the elegant quarters that the philanthropy of Dr. E. S. Stuart has provided for the sick and injured people of the country contiguous to Hopkinsville.

GOOD FELLOWS

Will Once More Play Santa to Poor Children.

The Good Fellows, the self constituted club of charitable people, who gave the poor children so much pleasure last Christmas, will again dispense charity in the same way.

This club is officered as follows: President, A. D. Nee, Sr., Secretary, John Feland, Auditor, J. A. Browning, Jr., Treasurer, B. D. Hill.

Executive Committee—C. H. Bleich, L. J. Harris, Ben Winfree, A. D. Nee, Jr., J. E. More'ey, Mrs. N. F. Fentress, Mrs. Lillian Gillock, Miss Nora Nee and the officers named above.

The following appeal for \$1 subscriptions is made, each child being given one dollar's worth:

Good Fellows' Appeal.

Be a good fellow and give your \$1.00 at the most convenient place.

Subscription lists are to be found at the Kentuckian office, New Era office, every Bank in town, Business Men's Association and Hotel Latham.

On the street, Ben Winfree, C. H. Bleich, Lucian Harris and B. D. Hill. There are more children this year than last and the Good Fellows must be many to furnish to all these children nuts, candies, fruits and toys. These donations will be given to children who have been investigated by Mrs. Gillock and to whom she is issuing tickets.

No deserving children will be left out.

B. D. HILL, Treas.

Over 122,589 Italians last year left the United States, returning to their native land.